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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, UK, FR, UR, US
SUBJECT: VISIT BY HESS' SON

REFS: (A) USBERLIN 562, (B) USBERLIN 563, (C) BONN 3432,
(D) BONN 3440

1. MAJOR CONFRONTATION ON VISIT TO HESS BY HIS SON,
WOLF-RUEDIGER, NEVER MATERIALIZED. HOSIVET SPANDAU
GOVERNOR REACHED FRENCH GOVERNOR BY TELEPHONE LATE PM
24 FEB AND REPORTED FINAL SOVIET POSITION: NAMELY;
SOVIETS WOULD NOT OPPOSE VISIT, BUT SOVIETS DID NOT
RPT NOT CONCUR THAT GOVERNORS SHOULD ADVISE WOLF-RUEDIGER
OF HIS FATHER'S SUICIDE ATTEMPT. HOWEVER, SOVIET GOVERNOR
ALSO REQUESTED MEETING AM 25 FEB TO DISCUSS SECOND
POINT FURTHER. AT THAT MEETING, SOVIET GOVERNOR RE-
PORTED THAT SOVIETS RECOGNIZED THAT IT WOULD BE NATURAL
FOR FATHER AND SON TO DISCUSS HESS' HEALTH, THAT WOLF-
RUEDIGER SHOULD FIRST HEAR OF HIS FATHER'S SUICIDE
ATTEMPT FROM HIS FATHER, AND THAT AFTER VISIT,
GOVERNORS COULD ELABORATE ON EVENTS AND DOCTORS'
REPORTS. (THIS SCENARIO WAS FOLLOWED AND THE
SUBJECT WAS BROACHED IN FATHER-SON CONVERSATION WHEN
WOLF-RUEDIGER ASKED HESS WHY HIS WRIST WAS BANDAGED.)
SON WAS REMINDED OF PRISON RULES THAT THIS INFORMA-
TION IS NOT TO BE DIVULGED BY HIM.

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3. WE ARE RECEIVING NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS FROM
PRESS ABOUT SUICIDE ATTEMPT AND ARE RESPONDING WITH
AGREED GUIDANCE. GEORGE

NOTE BY OC/T: EXDIS CAPTION ADDED PER MR. PERITO, S/S-O.

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